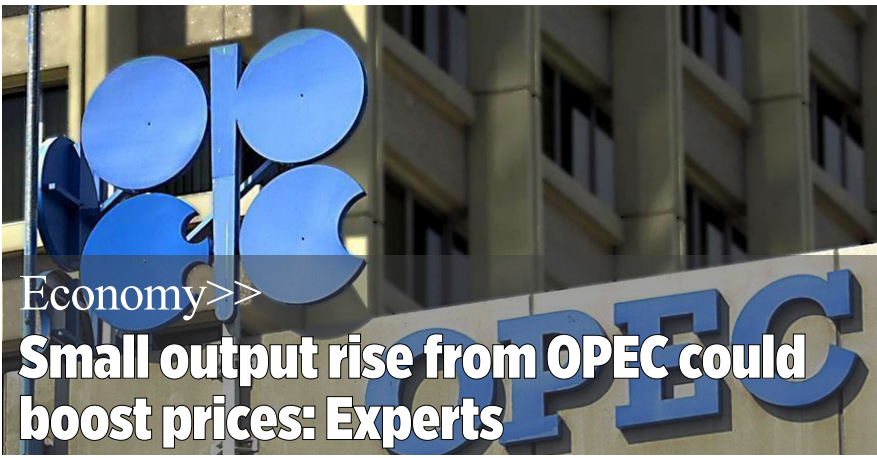




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# ‘Turkey to receive US F-35 jets on Thursday’

*Necessary contacts have been made with US and F-35 jets will be delivered Thursday, says Turkish Deputy PM Bozdag*



ANKARA - Turkey is due to take delivery tomorrow of F-35 jets it has purchased from the United States, according to Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdag. “Necessary contacts have been made with the U.S., and delivery of the F-35 jets will be on Thursday,” Bozdag told reporters in the central Yozgat province on Wednesday. Referring to recent U.S. congressional

bills seeking to block the sale, he added that any attempt to make the sale conditional on the release of Andrew Brunson, a U.S. priest facing terrorism charges in Turkey, amounts to a “threat.” Delivery of the Lockheed Martin-made jets is due to take place at a ceremony in Texas, with the jets set to come to Turkey once the pilots have received training. **MORE DETAILS**



## Turkey’s domestic car project right place to invest

By Metin Basbay

ISTANBUL - In November 2017, Turkey launched [1] an ambitious project for creating its first domestic car brand. With the strong support of the government,

five major companies will take part in the consortium to make Turkey’s first domestically produced automobile. A prototype is expected to be ready by 2019 while sales will start in 2021. It is further... **MORE DETAILS**



## Turkey most charitable nation in 2017

ANKARA - Turkey was declared the most charitable nation in 2017 with nearly \$8.1 billion spent in humanitarian aid, an independent international development organization said. Nearly 30 percent of all international humanitarian aid -- \$27.3 billion -- came from Turkey, according to the Development Initiative’s (DI) Global Humanitarian Assistance Report on late

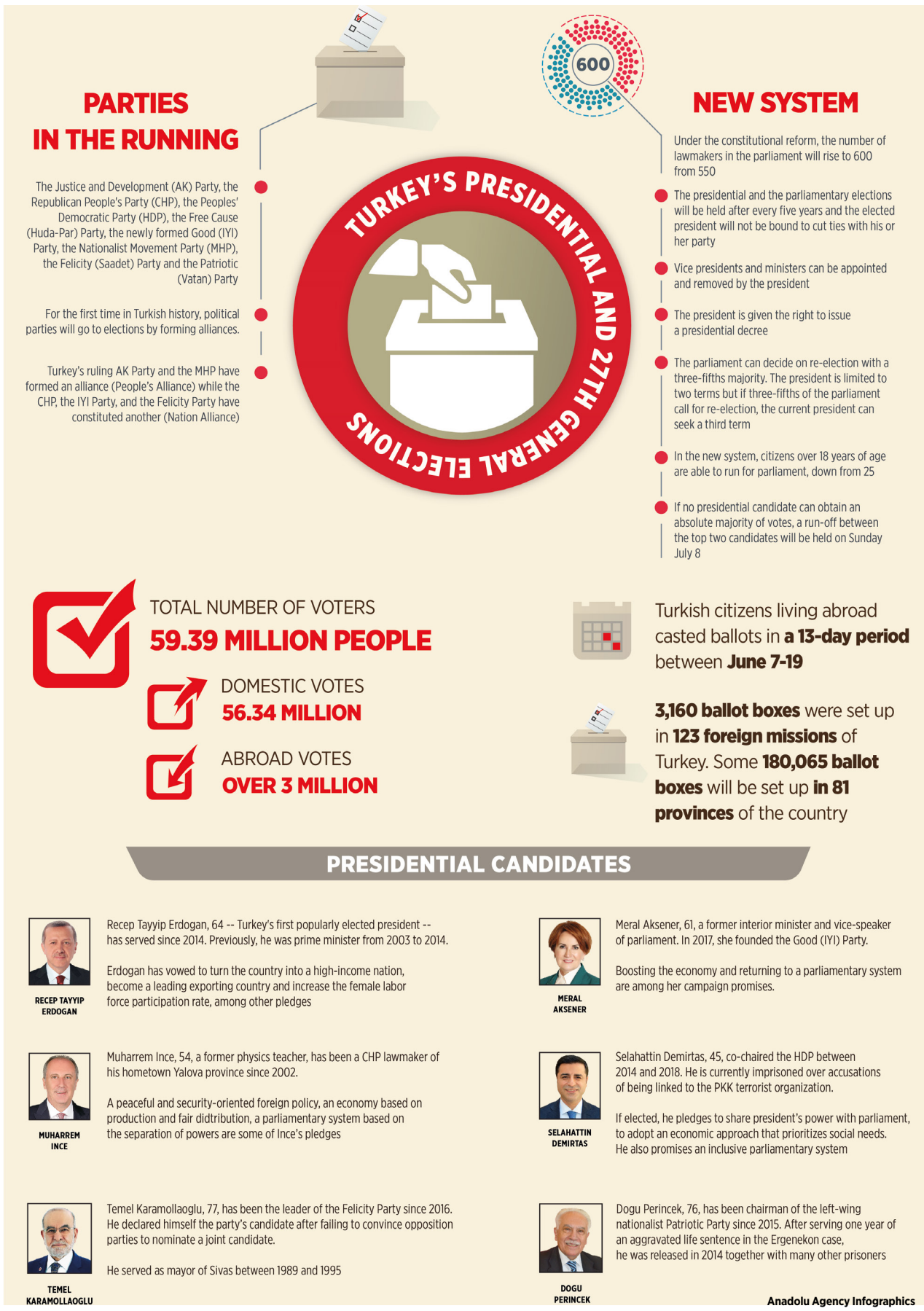
Tuesday. The U.S., Germany and the U.K. followed Turkey with \$6.68 billion, \$2.98 billion and \$2.52 billion. The country’s humanitarian aid expenditures were nearly 1 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) in 2017. Turkey’s gross domestic product (GDP) was around \$850 billion in 2017, the U.S. stood over \$19 trillion, Germany at... **MORE DETAILS**

## Over 125 kilograms of heroin seized in Turkey

ANKARA - Turkish security forces impounded over 126 kilograms (300 pounds) of heroin and 1,450 grams of hashish in multiple operations in the capital Ankara and southern Osmaniye province on Wednesday, according to police sources. In Ankara, the anti-narcotics police force launched a helicopter-borne operation

against the drug dealers after receiving a tip about distribution of drugs. Police followed a suspect and carried out a helicopter-borne operation against the drug dealers. A suspect was detained in the operation and a total of 1,450 grams of hashish, 600 grams of heroin and 30 grams of cocaine were seized in the... **MORE DETAILS**

# Everything you need to know about Turkey’s elections



## 6 candidates vie for presidency, while 8 parties participate in parliamentary elections

By Sena Guler

ANKARA - Turkish citizens will cast their votes on June 24 in the parliamentary and presidential elections, which are to cement the switch from a parliamentary to a presidential system. On April 16, 2017, Turkey held a referendum during which the majority of voters decided in favor of an 18-article bill introducing the governmental system change. The elections were initially scheduled to take place in November 2019 but President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced early elections following a meeting with the opposition Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) leader Devlet Bahçeli, who made the first call to move up the polls. Under the constitutional reform, the number of lawmakers in the parliament will rise from 550 to 600, the presidential and the parliamentary elections will be held after every five years and the elected president will not be bound to cut ties with his or her party. Vice presidents and ministers can be appointed and removed by the president. The president is given the right to issue a presidential decree. The parliament can decide on re-election with a three-fifths majority. The president is limited to two terms but if three fifths of the parliament call for re-election, the current president can seek a third term. In the new system, citizens over 18 years of age are able to run for parliament, down from 25. If no presidential candidate can obtain an absolute majority of votes, a run-off between the top two candidates will be held on Sunday July 8. **MORE DETAILS**